

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A system for printing markings along a top and a bottom of a mailpiece comprising:

a print head in a fixed position, where the print head receives print instructions and prints first and second set of ~~one or more~~ markings onto the mailpiece;

a memory containing data representative of one or more markings;

a print module, coupled to the memory and to the print head, for reading the data representative of the first set of ~~one or more~~ markings from the memory, and converting the data to print instructions that instruct the print head to print the first set of ~~one or more~~ markings onto the mailpiece having a first orientation;

an inverted print module, coupled to the memory and to the print head, for reading the data representative of the second set of ~~one or more~~ markings from the memory, and converting the data to print instructions that instruct the print head to invert the second set of ~~one or more~~ markings on the print head during printing onto the mailpiece, the mailpiece having disposed in a second orientation which is inverted about 180 degrees with respect to the first orientation of the mailpiece; and

a control module, coupled to the print module and the inverted print module, for sending marking requests to either the print module or the inverted print module, the marking request indicating which data representative of ~~one or more~~ first or second markings that are to be read from the memory, by the print module or the inverted print module.

2. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1 further comprising:

a scanner for capturing image data from the mailpiece; and

an optical character recognition, coupled to the scanner and the control module, for converting the image data to computer data, where the control module queries a second memory for instructions as to what first set of ~~one or more~~ markings and/or second set of ~~one or more~~ markings are related.

3. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein the ~~one or more~~ markings are characters, numbers, symbols, graphics, meter indicia, barcodes, POSTNET barcodes, advertisements, and/or advertisement slogans.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

6. (Original) A method for printing along tops and bottoms of mixed mailpieces comprising:

printing, with a fixed print head, one or more first markings on a side of a mailpiece, the mailpiece in a first orientation;

receiving the mailpiece in a second orientation which is about 180 degrees from the first orientation; and

printing on the side of the mailpiece, with the fixed print head, one or more second markings that are rotated on the print head about 180 degrees from the first orientation of the mailpiece.

7. (original) The method in Claim 6 further comprising:
determining address information from the mailpiece; and
determining the one or more first markings based upon the address information.

8. (original) The method in Claim 6 further comprising:
determining address information from the mailpiece; and
determining the one or more second markings based upon the address information.

9. (original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the one or more markings are characters, numbers, symbols, graphics, meter indicia, barcodes, POSTNET barcodes, advertisements, and/or advertisement slogans.

Claims 10-15 (canceled)